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POETS' CORNER.

SONG OF COKE.

In the grimy anthracite dust,
In the towering smoke's red rust,
Down in the camp where coal is mined,
There the burning oven is lined,
Row upon row, a flaming hell,
A Science pot, a fiery well,
And into which the miner pours,
His toll-won treasures from earth's stores,
Drawing from out the crucial flame,
The potent fuel at whose name,
Earth and commerce are gladdened both,
By the steam which dispenses sloth,
Forges railways, drives the huge steel,
Covers seas with the grinding keel,
Banishes cold, reddens the hearth,
Cheers with its breath the icy North.
—FRED V. NORTON.

Interesting News Items

A Port Arthur dispatch received from an Italian engineer who is engaged in raising the Russian shipwreck in the harbor there, says that three iron clads have been refloated. A hostile demonstration took place at the Russian consulate in Geneva. There were cries of "Down with the czar," and windows were broken. The police dispersed the mob.

Births in New York city at the rate of one every five minutes are recorded by the health department for the past few days, during which period 2,611 were reported.

An appeal for money for the Japanese orphan relief fund has been issued by Rev. E. Warren Clark, treasurer of the organization in New York.

It is evident that the Franco-German crisis is growing dangerously more acute. The London papers publish alarmist dispatches from Berlin to the effect that a closer study of the French note on the Moroccan conference shows it to be a distinctly unsatisfactory document. It is contended that the note falls entirely to relieve the situation.

James W. Alexander, former president of the Equitable Life Assurance society, has increased the surplus of that organization by paying into its treasury \$45,843.76, which represents the profits he made as a member of those syndicates which were known as the "James H. Hyde and associates" in their participation in the underwriting of bonds.

The steamer William E. Corey, a duplicate of the Elbert H. Gary, the largest boat plying the great lakes, was launched at the yards of the Chicago Shipbuilding Co.

Mrs. Aggie Myers, who was found guilty at Liberty, Mo., recently of murder in the first degree, was refused a new trial and was sentenced to be hanged on August 11. An appeal will be taken to the state supreme court.

The secretary of war has approved the recommendation of Gov. Magdon, of the canal zone, that \$30,000 be devoted to school purposes. A recent census shows that there are 1,936 children in the villages along the line of the Panama Railroad Co.

The civil service commission will hold examinations for positions as clerk and carrier as follows: Elyria, O., and Circleville, O., on July 8, and Huntington, W. Va., on July 15.

An inquiry into the letting of a contract by Public Printer Palmer for 72 typesetting machines for use in the government printing office is being made by the special committee recently appointed by the president to inquire into the conduct of the business affairs of the various government departments.

Nine-year-old Maria Derrick met sudden death at Appleton, Wis. She was skipping a rope, and as she reached the hundredth mark she said, "I have finished." Almost before she had ceased speaking the child dropped dead.

Martin W. Littleton, borough president of Brooklyn, will submit to the board of estimate a map for the largest sewer in the world. It will be 17 feet in diameter.

The marriage of Prince Henry Gast de Bern de Chalais to Miss Beatrice Winans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Winans, of Baltimore, was celebrated in Paris. The groom is the head of the ancient family of Bern-Brisac.

On the steamship Campana, in from Liverpool, was a package consigned to an electric firm in Rochester and said to contain a clock which by the use of radium will run for 2,000 years. It was sent to the customs stores for appraisal.

A KENTUCKY BOY.

Twice a Deserter Though Only 19 Years Old.

Louisville, Ky., June 24.—Twice a deserter from the United States army, Bert Wooley, who lives near Big Rock, in Bourbon county, celebrated his 19th birthday by being arrested by Deputy United States Marshal Jeff Cuffin. The boy first enlisted in the regular army November 22, 1902, but deserted soon afterward. He was recaptured, but not severely punished on account of his youth. He deserted for the second time in New York last October.

Verdict Against Book Publisher. Lancaster, Ky., June 23.—In the Lincoln circuit court a verdict was rendered in favor of Mrs. E. L. Walker, county superintendent of schools for Garrard county, for \$10,000 against the publishers of Ginn & Co., of Boston, for discriminating in the price of school books.

SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE

Rev. R. P. Shuler, of Norton, Elected President.

Thursday night the most successful Conference of the Holston District of the Epworth League closed after two days of enthusiastic and finely attended meetings. The attendance at all the meetings was all that could be desired and a remarkable number was present even at the sunrise service held in the church at 6 o'clock Thursday morning. A prominent feature of the meetings was the singing which was ably led by Rev. J. C. Orr.

On Thursday the regular attendance at the meetings was greatly increased by the excursion from Bristol which arrived here in the forenoon. Prof. W. R. Webb, of Bell Buckle, delivered two strong addresses on Thursday. One in the morning on "Education," and at night one on the subject, "The League in Babylon." In this address he used the characters of the Hebrew children to illustrate the real league purpose in training character that can stand alone in life's struggles. The address, "A Message From the Land of the Blue," given by Mr. B. H. Horton on Wednesday was one of the best of the Conference and will be long remembered by those that had the opportunity of hearing it.

At the nine o'clock session on Thursday the time was given to transacting the business of the League. Officers were elected for the new year as follows:

President, R. P. Shuler; 1st vice-president, C. C. Barnum; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Grace Emmert; 3rd vice-president, J. E. Ramsey; 4th vice-president, E. A. Shugart, secretary, J. O. Tilley; treasurer, J. H. Hicks, junior superintendent, Miss Mary Trimm.

District secretaries—Radford, J. H. Barnett; Tazewell, Sam T. Senter; Wytheville, J. T. Guy; Abingdon, Miss Maggie Keller; Big Stone Gap, J. O. Straley; Morristown, Miss Ella Harold; Knoxville, Hugh Kinkaid; Cleveland, Eugene Baker; Chattanooga, Wm. Fritts; Spring City, Frank Jackson. The place of the next meeting was referred to the executive committee. Reports were heard from the committees on resolutions, finance, missionary and exhibits. According to the committee report, the Mary Street League, Bristol, was awarded a framed portrait of John Wesley as a prize for the best exhibit.

INCREASED PAY.

Expert Riflemen Will Receive \$1 Per Month Extra.

Washington, June 23.—Additional pay of \$1 a month to enlisted men in the army who qualify as "expert riflemen" is offered in general orders issued by Gen. Chaffee, chief of staff, and is calculated to stimulate rifle practice in the army. Qualification for the additional pay can not be made by men in the artillery corps.

Buildup Kills a Baby.

Chicago, June 26.—Yvonne Davis, 18 months, was killed by a buildup owned by her father. She was playing with a ball which rolled near the dog, and when she went to pick it up the dog knocked her down and fastened his teeth in her face.

Emperor William's Yacht Defeated. Imperial Yacht Club, Prussia, June 26.—The German yacht Hamburg defeated Emperor William's Meteor II, over a 33 knot course by nearly six minutes. Emperor William with a large party was on board the Meteor III.

TAMPA BAY HOTEL.

It Was Sold To the City of Tampa, Fla., for \$125,000 Cash.

Tampa, Fla., June 23.—Something new in municipal ownership was inaugurated when the city of Tampa paid the Ocean and Gulf Realty Co. of New York \$125,000 cash for the Tampa Bay hotel and grounds becoming the sole owner of the property which upon the late Henry B. Plant spent \$3,000,000. The city will use the grounds as a park and lease the hotel.

Negro Lynched.

Meridian, Miss., June 24.—Pierce Moberly, the negro who killed Ed C. Jones in this city last Saturday, has been captured near Roberts Mill, west of this place, and lynched. The body was found swinging to the limb of a tree.

Preacher Shot From Ambush.

Charleston, S. C., June 24.—A special from Florence, S. C., says H. D. Granger, a local Baptist preacher, was shot from ambush and killed while working on his farm near here. He had hired two negroes to work on his farm.

Revolution in Hungary Expected. Budapest, Hungary, June 22.—Revolution threatens in Hungary. With news in the Hungarian diet are said to be an outbreak caused by a secret committee.

TOURNAMENT STARTED

Four Games of Tennis Were Played Off Tuesday.

The first four games of the Tennis Tournament were played off Tuesday, and, considering that there has been very little preparatory practice the playing was very creditable.

The games will be continued through the week and the two teams having the highest average will play on the fourth. Ties will be played off Saturday. Goodloe and Cross and the Cochran brothers put up the best games Tuesday, and Tav. Goodloe and Carl Shuler played the best individual games.

The results were as follows:

	1st set	2d set
Cochran & Prescott	1	5
Chalkley & Goodloe	6	7
Paine & Griffith	6	6
Painter & Stoehr	1	1
Goodloe & Cross	6	8
Taggart & Trevillian	4	6

	1st set	2d set	3d set
Baker & Shuler	2	6	4
Cochran Bros.	6	4	6

Games to be played as follows:

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28.
Cochran & Cochran v. Taggart & Trevillian, Ballist Court, 10 a. m.
Paine & Griffith v. Baker & Shuler, Ballist Court, 5:30 p. m.
Painter & Stoehr v. Chalkley & Goodloe, Prescott Court, 5:30 p. m.
Cochran & Prescott v. Goodloe & Taggart, continued on page 2.

"LAZY WORM."

Many Porto Ricans Living Near Abombito, Afflicted With the Disease.

Washington, June 24.—According to a report received by the surgeon general of the army from Capt. H. K. Ashford, assistant surgeon and head of Porto Rican anemia commission, 85 per cent. of the 10,000 Porto Ricans living near Abombito are afflicted with the "lazy worm." Headquarters and a field hospital have been established by the commission at Abombito and an appropriation of \$15,000 will be expended in the eradication of the disease according to the methods so successfully applied by Capt. Ashford last year. His record then was 4,500 cases treated with an appropriation of \$5,000. The treatment adopted has proved successful in nearly every case. The Porto Ricans have never understood the disease and believed it incurable.

THE CRAWFORD TRIAL.

The Jury in the Case Failed to Agree and Was Discharged.

Washington, June 23.—No verdict was reached in the case of William C. Crawford, charged with conspiring with August W. Meehan and George E. Lorenz to defraud the government in connection with contracts to furnish letter carriers' satchels to the post office department, and after deliberating for more than 47 hours, the jury was discharged at 5:08. The discharge of the jury was ordered by Justice Wright in criminal court No. 1, after every means had been exhausted to give the 12 men a clear understanding of the evidence. The case was on trial for five weeks.

DUEL WITH PISTOLS.

Two Men Were Shot To Death in the Kentucky Mountains.

Sergeant, Ky., June 23.—A pistol duel in which two were killed occurred in the mountains back of Dunganston, in Scott county. Henry Hale and John Bumgardner, young farmers, met at Smith's saloon and after drinking heavily opened fire on each other. Cyrus Hale and William Bumgardner, bystanders, joined in the battle, and, after ten minutes of desperate fighting, when the smoke cleared away, Henry Hale and John Bumgardner were dead, while Cyrus Hale had received a very dangerous flesh wound. All the parties were prominently connected in that section.

DUEL ON THE STREET.

A Colored Man Wounded By a White Man at Hopkinsville.

Hopkinsville, Ky., June 26.—Arthur Myers, a young white man, and Will Barker, colored, fought a duel on Main street. They quarreled and Myers claims the negro had been following him about town. Seeing Barker lurking behind a telephone pole, Myers warned him away and the negro pulled a gun. Myers fired first, the bullet going wild. Barker then shot and missed the white man, who fired again, wounding Barker in the leg. Both were arrested. There were many people on the street, and the duel caused much excitement.

War Among Insurance Men.

Lexington, Ky., June 26.—A report of the war between the union and non-union fire insurance companies, which was inaugurated here one year ago, has been started again, and as a result it is believed another cut in insurance rates will be had.

ARRANGING PEACE.

Proposition For the Date of the Meeting at Washington Submitted to Russia.

IT IS UNDER CONSIDERATION.

It Will Probably Begin During the First Week or Ten Days of August.

This Is About the Earliest Period at Which the Japanese Representatives Could Be Expected to Reach Washington.

St. Petersburg, June 26.—Negotiations for the peace conference have taken an important step forward, a proposition for the date of the meeting of the plenipotentiaries at Washington having been submitted to Russia and being now under consideration. The exact date proposed has not been ascertained but there is reason to suppose that it is some time during the first week or ten days of August, which is about the earliest period at which the Japanese representatives could be expected to reach Washington, allowing reasonable time for the acceptance of the proposal and the interchange of the nominations of plenipotentiaries.

The emperor's answer is not expected for a day or two, and the diplomatic mills of Russia grind slowly.

Whether the proposal regarding the date originated at Tokyo or at Washington can not be learned, but the fact that the negotiations were conducted through Ambassador Meyer may indicate that President Roosevelt has perhaps again stepped to the fore, and suggested to the two powers, neither of whom would be willing to take the initiative, a suitable date.

The Novoe Vremya prints an interview which its correspondent at Paris had with a Japanese diplomat who says that while nobody outside of the emperor of Japan and his principal advisers is yet in possession of Japan's terms, he believes that they are moderate and will be acceptable.

TAKEN BY ASSAULT.

The Russians Dislodged From the Hills at Manchenzou.

Tokio, June 26.—The following official dispatch has been received from the Japanese army headquarters in Manchuria:

"The enemy, holding the northwest eminence of Manchenzou, was attacked and dislodged on the afternoon of June 22, but a portion of enemy holding the hills to the west offered stubborn resistance and the hills were finally taken by assault. Another force of the enemy holding the hills due north was attacked from the front and simultaneously resorted to a turning movement from the northeast, intercepting his retreat and causing him heavy loss. The enemy, in confusion, hoisted the Red Cross flag, but this did not stop our firing and he fled north in disorder. His strength in cavalry and infantry was some 3,000 men and several guns. Fifty corpses were left on the field. The enemy's loss was fully 200. Our loss was insignificant."

RUSSIAN POPULAR ASSEMBLY.

It Will Be Composed of 500 Members Elected For Five Years.

St. Petersburg, June 25.—The Novoe Vremya announces definitely that the powers of the new popular assembly which will be composed of 500 members elected for five years will be co-equal with those of the council of the empire and that all legislation to become law must pass both houses and receive the emperor's approval. Other features given agree with the information already cabled. Representatives of the press will be admitted to the assembly, but reports must be censored before publication. In addition, there will be a regular official publication of the proceedings like the Congressional Record.

Business Failures.

New York, June 24.—Business failures for the week ending June 23 number 157, against 155 last week, 215 in the like week in 1904, 171 in 1903 and 163 in 1902. In Canada failures for the week number 23, as against 24 last week.

Gift To Tuskegee Institute.

Trenton, N. J., June 24.—Miss Margaret W. Tatum, of this city, has notified Booker T. Washington of her decision to provide money for the erection of a building in the Tuskegee institute in memory of her father, the late Dr. J. B. Tatum.

The 18 Hour Schedule To Be Restored. New York, June 26.—The 18 hour running schedule for the Twentieth Century Limited between this city and Chicago, temporarily abandoned, following the wreck at Mentor, O., will be restored.

A Long Sentence.

Waco, Tex., June 24.—In the case of Leo Robertson, a negro charged with attempted criminal assault upon a white woman, the jury brought in a verdict sentencing him to prison for 1,001 years.

Johann Hech Reprieved.

Chicago, June 23.—Johann Hech is in high favor over the economists, which has been carried to him to the effect that Gov. Deussen granted him a reprieve. The sentence is still in effect.

A NEW DEPARTURE

Action Taken Which Facilitates the Landing in America of Chinese of All Classes.

WILL STOP CHINESE CRITICISM.

Merchants, Travelers, Students and Others of Exempted Classes Shall Be Shown Usual Courtesies.

Harsh Treatment of the Celestials Caused Commercial Guilds of China To Boycott American Manufacturers.

Washington, June 26.—By direction of President Roosevelt, action has been taken by the administration which not only will facilitate the landing in this country of Chinese of all classes but will also eliminate from emigration bureau such administrative features as have been the subject of criticism by Chinese. It is the declared intention of the president to see that Chinese merchants, travelers, students and others of the exempt classes shall have the same courtesy shown them by officers of the immigration bureau as is accorded to citizens of the most favored nation.

Representations have been made to the president that in view of alleged harsh treatment accorded to many Chinese seeking a landing in the United States the commercial guilds of China have determined to institute a boycott on American manufacturers. The representations, backed by the authority of the American Asiatic society and commercial bodies throughout the country, induced the president to make an investigation of the situation with a view of remedying the evils complained of, if they were found to exist.

The subject was discussed thoroughly by the cabinet and the president took it up personally with Secretary Metcalf, of the department of commerce and labor, who has supervision of the immigration bureau.

As a result of the inquiry, orders have been issued to the diplomatic and consular representatives of the United States in China by the president himself that they must look closely to the performance of their duties under the exclusion law and see to it that members of the exempt classes coming to this country are provided with proper certificates. These certificates will be accepted at any port of the United States and will guarantee the bearer against any harm or discourteous treatment. Such treatment, indeed, will be the cause of the instant dismissal of the offending official, whoever he may be.

In addition to the president's orders Secretary Metcalf has issued instructions to the immigration officers which, it is believed, will remedy the difficulty heretofore complained of by the Chinese government and individuals. It is anticipated that the prompt action taken by this government to meet the objections made by the Chinese will eliminate the possibility of serious trade difficulties between China and the manufacturers of this country.

MRS. ROGERS REPRIEVED.

A Stay of Execution Granted Until December 8 By Gov. Bell.

Brattleboro, Vt., June 23.—A reprieve until December 8 for Mrs. Mary M. Rogers, the condemned murderess, was signed by Gov. Charles J. Bell, and for the third time the woman who was to have been hanged at Windsor for the killing of her husband has been saved through the operation of the governor's power of staying the execution. The last reprieve was granted in order that the case may be carried to the supreme court of the United States on constitutional questions, which were raised at a hearing before Judge Hoyt A. Wheelock, sitting as a justice of the United States circuit court. Mrs. Rogers' attorneys petitioned for her release on a writ of habeas corpus.

INTERNAL REVENUE.

Monthly Statement of the Collections During May.

Washington, June 24.—The monthly statement of the collections of internal revenue shows that for the month of May, 1905, the total receipts were \$19,551,246, an increase as compared with May, 1904, of \$1,110,815. For the 11 months of the fiscal year the receipts were \$212,162,351, an increase as compared with the corresponding period last year of \$484,011.

The Plague in Panama.

Panama, June 26.—A fatal case of bubonic plague occurred at Laboca. The constant arrival of steamers from infected South American ports is regarded as the source of contagion. There were no deaths from yellow fever.

The Kentucky Baptists.

Russellville, Ky., June 24.—The next meeting of the General Association of Baptists, one year hence, will be at Richmond, with Rev. A. S. Petty to preach the sermon and Rev. B. B. Bailey as alternate.

A Peace Plenipotentiary.

London, June 26.—A correspondent at Shanghai says: "Mr. Oligart, the Japanese consul here, has been recalled. He leaves Tuesday in order to proceed to Washington as one of the plenipotentiaries."

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